

6. (Amended) A process for producing a sponge cloth which is based on cellulose and has been provided with an internal reinforcement, which comprises

(a) providing a mixture which includes cellulose dissolved in the N-oxide of a tertiary amine and water and also at least one pore former and fibers, [but not blowing agent,]

(b) spreading the mixture onto a transportation belt,

(c) passing the layer through a coagulation bath comprising a dilute aqueous amine oxide solution to dissolve out the pore former,

(d) washing the remaining amine oxide out,

(e) drying the sponge cloth web and

(f) end-iteming it

(g) wherein said mixture is not exposed to conditions where a blowing agent decomposes to form gaseous products.

7. (Amended) A process for producing a sponge cloth which is based on cellulose and has an internal reinforcement, which comprises

(a) providing a mixture which includes cellulose dissolved in the N-oxide of a tertiary amine and water and also at least one pore former,

(b) applying the mixture to both sides of a polymeric net,

(c) passing the layer through a coagulation bath comprising a dilute aqueous amine oxide solution to dissolve out the pore former,

(d) washing the remaining amine oxide out,

(e) drying the sponge cloth layer and

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(g) wherein said mixture is not exposed to conditions where a blowing agent decomposes to form gaseous products.

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